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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

RE: **Preliminary Lease Sale List - Request for Comments**
December 3, 2013 Oil and Gas Lease Sale

The Department has received nominations for the December 3, 2013 Oil and Gas Lease Sale, and is requesting comments. The only action proposed at this time is the issuance of leases for possible future exploration and production of oil and gas. Before actual activity on a state lease may occur, the Department will prepare an environmental review of the proposed activity. The Board of Oil and Gas Conservation also must review and issue a permit before any actual activity can occur.

The enclosed Preliminary Lease Sale list summarizes the tracts nominated for lease. The list sorts the tracts by county, and then by legal location within the county (i.e. township, range and section). A reference map is also included. The general areas where tracts are located are identified by numbered circles, which corresponds to the map location numbers for each county on the Preliminary Lease Sale list. The final lease sale list may not include all tracts currently listed, but no tracts will be added. Lease sale tract numbers will be assigned when the final list is prepared. The final list will be distributed on or about November 11, 2013 and will also include a listing of any additional stipulations.

If you have any comments regarding the tracts on the Preliminary Lease Sale List, please submit them in writing by **October 25, 2013** to "O&G Lease Sale Comments, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, P.O. Box 201601, Helena, Montana 59620-1601."

Lease sale lists, dates, and important deadlines are also available on our website -- (<http://dnrc.mt.gov/trust/mmb/og>).

If you would like your name added to our mailing list to automatically receive future information related to our oil and gas lease sales, please let us know at the above address or contact the Mineral Leasing Section at jmason2@mt.gov or (406) 444-4576.

Sincerely,
MINERAL LEASING SECTION

Enclosure(s)

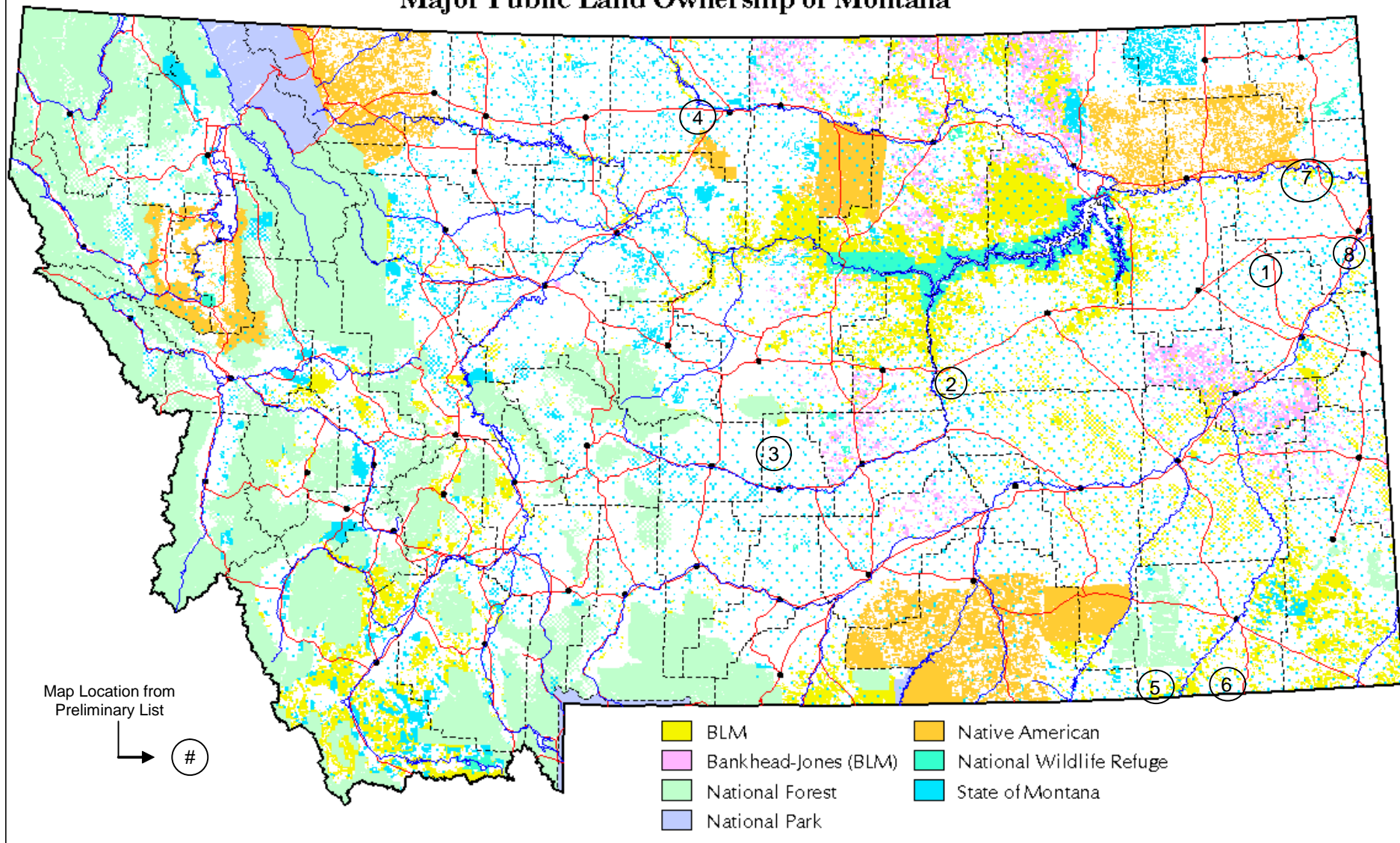
State of Montana
Oil & Gas Lease Sale - December 3, 2013
Preliminary Sale List

	App #	Map Location	Twp	Rng	Sec	Description	Acres
Dawson	1						
	5003		21.N	52.E	36	All	640.00
Garfield	2						
	5008		15.N	30.E	36	NE4NW4, NE4, NE4SE4	240.00
Golden Valley	3						
	5001		8.N	19.E	36	All	640.00
Hill	4						
	5004		32.N	14.E	16	SE4	160.00
Powder River	5, 6						
	5002		9.S	45.E	36	Lots 1 thru 16, N2	949.06
	5009		9.S	50.E	36	Lot 4, NE4SE4	77.14
Richland	7, 8						
	5010		21.N	58.E	1	Yellowstone Riverbed and related acreage	117.00
	5005		26.N	56.E	10	W2	* 320.00
	5006		27.N	55.E	31	Lots 1, 2, 3, 4	147.16
	5007		27.N	56.E	2	Missouri Riverbed and related acreage	44.00

* Part or all of tract is not state-owned surface

Total Tracts	10
Total Acres	3,334.36

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Areas where tracts are proposed for lease are noted with a large number corresponding to the map location number on the preliminary lease sale list. Please visit our website for detailed maps and additional lease sale information. (<http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/trust/mmb/og>)